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1. CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT (EUR
DESK OFFICER) ON AUGUST 17 TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF THE
OCTOBER 17 DATE FOR THE KOSCIUSZKO COMMEMORATION. BESIDES
NOTING THE DATE'S SIGNIFICANCE AND THE FACT THAT HIS
RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL) INDICATES THE CEREMONY WILL OCCUR
THEN, ZABLOCKI POINTED OUT THAT POLISH-AMERICAN ATTENDANCE
WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED IF THE CEREMONY IS POSTPONED. HE
SAID MANY PEOPLE HAVE MADE TRAVEL PLANS WHICH CANNOT BE
CHANGED. (FYI: ZABLOCKI HIMSELF IS THINKING OF ATTENDING
THE CEREMONY IF IT TAKES PLACE OCTOBER 17, ACCORDING TO
WALTER Z, WHO EXPLAINED ZABLOCKI MAY VISIT BELGRADE OR
THE CSCE REVIEW AND WOULD FLY UP FROM THERE.)
ZABLOCKI ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THE POLISH GOVERNMENT
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MIGHT DOWNGRADE ITS ATTENDANCE OR OTHERWISE COMPLICATE
MATTERS IF THE DATES ARE CHANGED. FINALLY, ZABLOCKI
POINTED OUT THAT THE OCTOBER 17 DATE HAD BEEN LONG-
PLANNED AND THAT THE KRAKOW ARCHBISHOPRIC WAS AWARE OF
THIS AND HAD AGREED TO IT.

2. ZABLOCKI HEARD OUR ARGUMENTS FOR HAVING CARDINAL

WOJTYLA ATTEND AND EXPRESSED FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE JUDGMENT THAT HIS PARTICIPATION WOULD GUARANTEE THE BROAD IMPACT WE WANT THE CEREMONY TO HAVE IN POLAND. ZABLOCKI ALSO CONCURRED WITH THE CARDINAL'S PREROGATIVES AS HOST.

3. THE CHAIRMAN MAINTAINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CARDINAL WOULD RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS IN HIS OWN INTERESTS TO LEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE CEREMONY TO ENSURE THE DESIRED IMPACT IN POLAND AND IN US-POLISH RELATIONS. NOTING ALSO THAT THE CARDINAL HIMSELF HAD BEEN HOSTED BY MANY POLISH-AMERICAN GROUPS DURING HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. LAST FALL, THE CONGRESSMAN WONDERED IF THE CARDINAL MIGHT NOT FIND IT APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE TO MAKE THE SHORT FLIGHT BACK FROM ROME TO BE ON HAND FOR THE CEREMONY AND THEN RETURN.

4. THE CONGRESSMAN DID NOT FEEL IT WOULD OFFEND THE CARDINAL TO POSE SUCH A SUGGESTION AND ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THE EMBASSY TO CONSULT THE CARDINAL'S OFFICE ABOUT THIS.

5. WALTER Z. CALLED LATER THAT DAY TO SAY HIS INITIAL SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT THE ACPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WANTS TO KEEP THE OCTOBER 17 DATE, THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CARDINAL ATTEND IF HE CAN, AND THAT IT
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ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S PLAYING THE KEY ROLE OF PRESENTING THE PLAQUE AS A GIFT FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. BOTH WALTER AND THE CONGRESSMAN STRESSED THEIR VIEW THAT THE ACPC IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH. WALTER RECALLED EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE EMBASSY, FOR EXAMPLE, A FEBRUARY 9 BRADSHAW-TO-SLAWECKI LETTER INDICATING THAT THE FIRST IMPORTANT DECISION WAS FIXING THE DATE AND THAT OCTOBER 17 WAS THE APPROPRIATE ONE.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS THE EMBASSY SEES OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ITS CONTACTING CARDINAL WOJTYLA'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM AND SEE IF A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE ALONG LINES PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI. VANCE

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